

SELF-GOVERNMENT

FORD, C. IS URGED

Representative Crosser Says True Value Assessments Are Also Needed to Cure Ills.

CIVIC CONDITIONS HERE UNAMERICAN, SAYS WILEY

Natural for Resident to Become Unpatriotic When Denied Citizenship, He Declares.

"Obtain local self-government, abolish the half-and-half plan and assess property at its true value, and you will be able to remove the ills of which you have been complaining to Congress."

This, in effect, was the advice to Washingtonians delivered by Representative Robert L. Crosser of Ohio in an address last night before the committee of forty in behalf of popular government in the District, at a meeting in the Public Library.

Following Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, who characterized local civic conditions as ultra constitutional and unamerican, Representative Crosser stated that what the people of Washington need to do is to obtain the key to the municipal building and select the officials who are to administer their affairs.

His Votes in Congress.

He said that when he voted during the last session of Congress against the Johnson amendment, seeking to abrogate the half-and-half act, that it was not because he believed in that civic principle, but was the result of his conviction that the amendment, if carried, would further tax the industry of the people of the District. This session he voted for the Johnson amendment, he explained because it did nothing more than leave as they are things that are to be taxed in the future.

Denouncing the half-and-half plan as a fallacious principle, Mr. Crosser asserted that nine-tenths of it is paid by the District and one-tenth by the nation. He expressed the belief that a proper assessment of land values alone would more than pay the sufficient funds for meeting all the expenses of the District government.

Opposes Committee's Plan.

The speaker discouraged the committee's plans to obtain the appointment of a congressional commission for the purpose of investigating the question of self-government for the people of Washington. "Simply ask Congress for the right to exercise your privileges as American citizens and then work out your plans of government for yourselves," he advised.

Congress is not so much concerned with the question of whether it would be right to grant self-government in Washington as whether it would be wise, he stated; but the Ohio representative saw no reason why there should be conflict between a local popular government, if established, and Congress.

If local self-government is right in any other city it is right in Washington, he continued.

Says Newspapers Are Best.

Representative Crosser ridiculed the idea of providing the District with a delegate in Congress. Your four Washington newspapers, he said, accomplish more than any delegate ever could.

In the course of his speech Mr. Crosser referred to the right of the people of Washington to elect their own representatives to Congress, but he was glad right now to grant universal suffrage if they would let it result in stopping agitation for other reforms.

He declared that "for snobbery and codfish aristocracy" Washington is the worst city he has ever seen.

Wiley for Self-Government.

Dr. Wiley spoke at length in behalf of the self-government propaganda. Discussing separately the fundamental principles underlying the birth of this nation, he pointed out that none of them is represented in the civic life of the Washingtonian. The fathers, in framing the Constitution, enumerated among the objects to be attained domestic tranquility, promotion of the general welfare and securing of the blessings of liberty to themselves and their children, but these fundamental rights have been withheld from the people of the District of Columbia, he stated.

It is logically to be expected that Washingtonians will become the most unpatriotic and unwise people in this country because they are not given the right to exercise the privileges of American citizenship, Dr. Wiley concluded. Congress had dealt liberally with other territories in the granting of self-government, and should not single out the District of Columbia to be left out from participation in the full life of the nation, he said.

Discusses Probable Commission.

Dr. A. J. McKelway, head of the child labor bureau and chairman of the committee, presided. In calling the meeting to order Dr. McKelway explained the purposes of the committee and also discussed the probable personnel of the commission which the committee hopes Congress will appoint for the purpose of investigating the District's claims

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BOARD SOON TO ACT ON HIGH SCHOOLS

But Little Business Transacted at Regular Meeting of Education Body.

It was a dull meeting, that of the board of education at the Franklin School yesterday afternoon.

One member of the board was kept busy, however. Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes knitted while she listened, for she is making a baby bonnet for a young Belgian refugee.

Action is to be taken in the near future regarding the purchase of the Eastern High School site, the erection of the new M Street High School and the reconstruction of the Western High School, according to announcement made by Henry F. Blair, president of the board. It was decided that the inscription over the front door of the new Central High School should be only its name, as the date is to appear on the corner stone.

Telephone Pole Opposed.

Action is to be taken by the board to prevent the erection of a telephone pole in the yard of the Tyler School, 11th street between G and I streets southeast. The death of James F. Bundy, a former member of the board, was noted with regrets.

Whether the old Mott and Hamilton schools, which are no longer used for classes, may be abandoned entirely and torn down is to be determined by the committee on sites and buildings. An anonymous communication protesting against the use of the Gales School was ordered ignored.

Christmas greetings are to be extended by means of a circular letter to all the school employees in accordance with the annual custom.

Galt Prize Contest Winners.

Winners in the Galt prize contest at Business High School were announced as follows by Supt. Ernest L. Thurston:

In commercial geography—First prize, \$30, to Jacob Goldberg, for his presentation of "Butterflies of Washington"; second prize, \$20, to R. Edwin Joyce, Jr., for his presentation of "Oats and Barley."

In commercial history and sociology—First prize, \$30, to Leopold V. Freudberg, for his presentation of "Sanitary Washington"; second prize, \$20, to Miss Leona G. Kremkau, for her presentation of "Homes of Different People."

LIST OF CHANGES APPROVED.

The following changes were approved:

Appoint Mrs. C. C. Williams as teacher of the fifth grade, Curtis School, temporarily.

Mrs. L. Y. Roberts as night school teacher and assign to Madison Night School.

Appoint the following as substitute teachers in the night schools: Mrs. S. P. Johnson and Miss H. B. Gardner.

Appoint Miss R. L. Gordon as teacher of second grade and assign to Smothers School.

Appoint Miss R. E. Williams as teacher of dressmaking at O Street Vocational School.

Accept resignation of Mrs. F. B. Clokey, teacher in Madison Night School, and Miss V. E. Williams, teacher of second grade, Reno School.

Transfer Miss M. F. Ossire, teacher of seventh grade, from Curtis School to Wisconsin Avenue Manual Training School.

Transfer Miss M. L. Mason from Montgomery School to Summer School.

Transfer Mrs. M. M. Gleason, teacher of third grade, from Hyde School to Addison School.

Transfer Miss A. V. Butler, teacher of the third grade, from Summer School to Montgomery School.

Transfer Miss H. H. Gibbs, teacher of the fifth grade, from the Hyde School to the Curtis School.

Transfer Miss C. M. Rucker, teacher of the fourth grade, from the Addison School to the Hyde School.

Transfer Miss F. E. Parnell, teacher of second grade, from Smothers School to Reno School.

Transfer Miss A. P. Goebel, teacher of sixth grade, from the Jackson School to the Wisconsin Avenue Manual Training School.

Promote Miss V. E. Williams from teacher of first grade to teacher of second grade, Fort Reno School.

Promote Miss R. E. Orme from teacher of third grade to teacher of fourth grade, Montgomery School.

Designate Miss M. F. Ossire as principal, Wisconsin Avenue Manual Training School.

Close fifth grade, Hyde School.

Open fifth grade, Curtis School.

Open sixth grade, Wisconsin Avenue Manual Training School.

Close sixth grade, Jackson School.

Close fourth grade, Addison School.

Open fourth grade, Hyde School.

Open seventh grade, Curtis School.

Open seventh grade, Wisconsin Avenue Manual Training School.

Close third grade, Hyde School.

Open third grade, Addison School.

Gives Lecture on Fire-Fighting.

A fire-fighter's life in the service of the city was described in an illustrated lecture last night by George M. Kirk, director of religious work of the Y. M. C. A., at a meeting of the Vaughn Class of Calvary Baptist Church. He showed how the horses are cared for, how the system of inspection to prevent fire is maintained, the fire drill and scenes of fire-fighting.

TAKES 3,000 CHILDREN ON A HAPPY JOURNEY

Travelogue Roberson Conducts Them on a Tour Across the Continent.



FRANK R. ROBBERSON, President of China.

Happy school children—3,000 of them—made up the audience which Frank R. Roberson, travelogue of The Star, took with him yesterday in Convention Hall for a wonderful picture-journey across the United States, at the second of the travelogues arranged specially for the benefit of the kiddies. The big hall was filled to overflowing, and the chairs failed to go round the youngsters climbed on top of boxes, railings or whatever else was handy, and in true child fashion enjoyed the occasion all the more.

It was one of the largest audiences to face the travelogue during his season in Washington, and one of the most demonstrative. The children sat wrapped in wonder after things were fairly started, but occasionally, when something stirred their fancy, the volumes of applause which followed were deafening.

Noise in Abundance.

Noise was there in abundance, and it grew after Mr. Roberson stepped on

the platform to begin the afternoon's journey. The travelogue invited the youngsters to make as much noise as possible, and they went at it with a vim. When they paused for the second breath, the hall was plunged in darkness, the first picture passed on the screen, and then the children wanted to be quiet.

The third of the children matinees is in progress this afternoon, Italy being toured for the benefit of colored children. Friday afternoon the same subject will be given again for the other youngsters, and Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock the series of five matinees will be brought to a close with a journey to Holland. All of these special matinees are open to the public, admission 10 cents, coupon from The Star not being necessary.

On Mr. Roberson's schedule five more subjects remain and tonight one of the most interesting of them all, "Japan and China," is to be given. The travelogue's engagement, under the auspices of The Star, will end Sunday evening.

Interest of the Orient.

The strange orient, with its stranger people, will constitute a travelogue to-night compelling in its interest. Japan, the giant of the far east, and China, the coming nation, make up a combination hard to equal. Travelogue Roberson will discuss all places of far eastern politics and at the same time will give a comprehensive view of life in the two lands and of the many interesting things to be seen there.

Admission to all regular travelogues is 10 cents, with the coupon from the first page of The Star, or 25 cents for a seat in the reserved section. The schedule of the concluding offerings is

as follows: "Germany and Austria," Friday evening; "California and the Yosemite," Saturday evening; "The Powers," Sunday evening.

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